News-Item "Teaspoon of Turmeric a Day Keeps Cancer at Bay : NIN study"

3711. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Teaspoon of turmeric a day keeps cancer at bay: NIN study", published in the News-time, dated the 30th July, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to give maximum publicity to the conclusion of the decade long studies by the National Institute of Nutrition in this regard for public benefit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : A recent study conducted by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, suggests that the use of turmeric can reduce the incidence of various types of cancer. No decision had been taken yet to promote this aspect, though health education for prevention of cancer is being undertaken under National Cancer Control Programme.

Ineffective Malaria Eradication Programme

†3712. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Malaria Eradication Programme being implemented by Government has become ineffective for the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of amount allocated by Government under this programme for the last two years to the States along with the amount utilised by them, State-wise;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have requested Government to increase their allocations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) No, Sir. The data collected by Dte. of NAMP indicates a declining trend of Malarial incidence.

(b) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.